

the whole thing must be, and how unlike most of the books 1
 But the more I read, the more I am impressed with the belief that the actual conduct of a fight with fire-arms is, and has always been, essentially the same in all ages and countries. It is now beginning to be understood that the colossal successes of the early French Republic, and of Napoleon, were mainly won by the straighter shooting, in line of skirmish, of soldiers who individually were more intelligent than Austrians and Russians, and than Prussians of the old regime. As to Andre, I have a central idea about Washington's action in the matter which I am anxious to put on paper. I was much struck by your comparison between the mutual feelings left by struggles which ended in *wion*, like those in Canada and the War of Secession, and those which end in a *separation*, like yours and ours. I am glad that you think I have done something towards that work of conciliation in which you have borne so signal a part

While on a hunting tour in Africa in 1910 Roosevelt wrote to Trevelyan a letter which may quite accurately, I am sure, be called the supreme gem of this correspondence. In sending it to me for publication, Sir George says of it: "It is faultlessly written and perfectly legible. I received it at Rome, where my wife and I enjoyed the privilege of seeing not a little of Mrs. and Miss Roosevelt. When I opened the penciled envelope I expected a story of great game shooting, written by the light of

a camp fire;
instead of a story about an hippopotamus or
lion, it was a
wonderfully wise and eloquent comparison of
Carlyle's and
Macaulay's views of Frederick the Great; and
marvelous in
sagacity as being written years before the
German war.
Though surprised by the contents of the letter,
I was very
far from being disappointed. It must be
remembered that
this scathing judgment upon the Silesian and
Polish policy
of Frederick the Great, and the approval of
that policy by
Carlyle, and the condemnation of it by
Macaulay, was put
on record by Mr. Roosevelt nearly five years
before the